(b) if so, the reasons for including a visit to Uttar Pradesh to inaugurate a religious conference on Nazul Belagha ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The President of Iran, H.E. Mr. Akbar Pashemi Rafsanjani paid a State visit to India from 17—19 April, 1995. The itenarary of the visit was, as is customary, decided after mutual consultations with the Iranian side and keeping in view the wishes and suggestions by the Iranian side and keeping in view the wishes and suggestions by the Iranian side. The itenrary, *inter alia*, included a six-hour visit by the Iranian President to Lucknow on 18 April, 1995 and the imugural function of a conference on Najul Belagh in New Delhi on 17 April 1995.

Compensation for Nationalised Property of Indians in Myanmar

4566. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of representations received by Goversment during 1991-1993 in connection with compensation for nationalised property left behind by Indians in Myanmar;

(b) the action taken thereon so far;

(c) the progress made so far; and

(d) by when the same is likely to be settled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Government have received 12 representations in connection with compensation for nationalised properties left behind by Indians in Myanmar during the period 1991-1993. The representations have been taken up with the Government of Myanmar appropriately and at all opportunities afforded by bilateral visits.

(c) and (d) Government of Myanmar have indicated that compensation would be paid in 5 of these 12 cases in Myanmar currency. These amounts however would not be repatriable. Efforts would be continued to resolve all such cases.

Proposal to Amend the Central Haj Committee Act

4567. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to shift the Central Haj Committee from Bombay to Delhi;

(b) whether there is also a proposal to amend the Central Haj Committee Act to give wider representation;

(c) if so, by when Government are considering to bring to amendment Bill; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Government have been considering the question of introducing new legislation in replacement of the Haj Committee Act of 1959. The new legislation would taken account of the changed conditions of the Haj pilgrimage, including the discontinuance of Haj sailings from Bombay and the fact that pilgrims now travel for Haj by air from Delhi, Calcutta and Madras in addition to Bombay and is intended to make the Central Haj Committee more broad-based and representative.

(c) and (d) The legislative proposals to be incorporated in the Bill are under active consideration and the new Bill would be introduced after all aspects have been examined.

विदेशों में दुर्घटना के शिकार हुए भारतीय अप्रवासी श्रमिकों को मुआवजा

4568. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**

श्री एस. एस. सुरजेवाला :

क्या **विदेश** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान अन्य देशों में प्रति वर्ष देश-वार कितने भारतीय

अप्रवासी श्रमिक ड्यूटी के दौरान दुर्घटना के शिकार हुए और उन्हे कितना मुआवजा दिया गया ;

(ख) उक्त अवधि के दौरान ऐसी दुर्घटना के शिकार हुए व्यक्तियों को मुआवजे के भुगतान के संबंध में वर्ष-वार और देश-वार कितने मामले सरकार के पास लम्बित हैं ; और

(ग) सरकार इस संबंध में क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर. एल. भाटिया) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन की मेज पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Food Processing Units in Public Sector

4569. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the State-wise details of food processing units under the Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) the details of units which have been suffering losses for the last three years; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to close down or revive such sick units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The two Public Sector Undertakings of this Ministry are Modern Food Industries (India) Ltd. (MFIL) and North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Ltd. (NERAMAC). MFIL has 17 units under its control as per details at the annexed Statement-I. (*See* below) NERAMAC has two units namely Pineapple Juice Concentrate Plant at Nalkata and Cashew Processing Unit at Agartala, Tripura.

(b) Out of 17 units under the control of MFIL, 6 units are suffering losses for the last three years, as per details at the annexed Statement-II (*See* below) In the case of NERAMAC, it has been suffering losses since its inception.

(c) Steps taken by MFIL in respect of each loss making unit are indicated in the annexed Statement-III (*See* below). In the case of NERAMAC the Corporation has worked out a short term action plan aimed at improving capacity utilisation of the existing plants and streamlining the marketing activities of the Corporation. The Management of NERAMAC has also constituted a Sub-Committee of Directors to prepare a long-term action plan for making activities of the Corporation viable on long-term basis. Keeping in view the strategic and developmental role NERAMAC has in this sensitive region, the Government has been giving financial assistance by way of subsidy since 1993-94.

Statement-I

Details of the units Statewise

Name of the unit	Name of the State
1 2	3
Bread units	
1. Ahmedabad	Gujarat
2. Bangalore	Karnataka
3. Bombay	Maharashtra